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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON INFORMAL US-GDR DISCUSSIONS ON
CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: BERLIN 0224

1. US BONN GROUP REP SHOULD INFORM HIS
COLLEAGUES THAT AMBASSADOR BOLEN HAD ANOTHER INFORMAL
MEETING WITH MOLDT AT LATTER'S REQUEST ON JANUARY 10,
DURING WHICH MOLDT EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE AT EXPLICIT
REFERENCE IN US STATEMENT TO GERMAN NATIONALITY.
MOLDT FOUND OTHER SECTIONS OF US DRAFT UNEXCEPTIONAL AND
DID NOT OFFER ANY GDR COUNTERDRAFT. WE INTEND TO
SEEK ANOTHER MEETING WITH MOLDT, DURING WHICH WE WILL
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STAND FIRM, WHILE SEEKING TO PROBE LIMITS OF GDR
FLEXIBILITY.

2. US REP SHOULD MAKE BRIEFING AS SHORT AND GENERALIZED
AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY NOT GOING BEYOND PARA 1;

IF PRESSED AS TO HOW WE INTEND TO PROBE GDR FLEXIBILITY,

US REP MAY REPLY THAT WE WILL REITERATE AND AMPLIFY DIRECT IMPORTANCE OF GERMAN NATIONALITY ISSUE TO US, THUS REINFORCING MESSAGE THAT IT IS GDR THAT WILL HAVE TO COMPROMISE, AND OFFER MOLDT, WHO HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL PRECEDENT PROBLEM CAUSED BY US STATEMENT, THE OPTION OF SIGNING CONVENTION WITHOUT NATIONALITY DEFINITION AND WITHOUT ANY SEPARATE STATEMENTS.

3. FYI WHILE WE ARE CONSIDERING OFFERING MOLDT TWO ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS OF OUR STATEMENT, BOTH ALTERNATIVES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS DRAFT DISCUSSED EARLIER IN BONN GROUP, BOTH EXPLICITLY RESERVE US POSITION ON GERMAN NATIONALITY AND NEITHER FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN OUR PROBE OF GDR FLEXIBILITY. TO AVOID RAISING UNWARRANTED CONCERNS, US REP SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION THIS POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE TEXTS. END FYI.

4. EUR/CE HAS BRIEFED FRG EMBASSY ALONG LINES OF PARA ONE AND CONFIRMED FOR THE ITALIANS A REPORT FROM THEIR BERLIN EMBASSY THAT GDR "UNHAPPY OVER US DRAFT AND NOT EAGER TO AGREE TO IT." ITALIAN EMBASSY WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT WE HOPED THERE WAS FLEXIBILITY IN GDR POSITION, BECAUSE WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN OURS. CHRISTOPHER
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